GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6472
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2002
JOINT PATROLLING OF MALACCA STRAIT
M.H. AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian and American Navy is jointly patrolling the Malacca Strait;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether joint patrolling of the Malacca Strait is a regular feature; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Joint patrolling to guard high value assets is being carried out on the basis of a request from the United States. Indian naval assets deployed for this purpose operate under Indian Command and flag.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.